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Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered and made of record in response to the recent Board of Appeal decisions in U.S. Patent applications 10/000,311; 09/771,938; and 09/772,520 and the applicability of the reasoning of those Board decisions to the claims and arguments in the present case. The following amendments and remarks place the application in form for allowance. No new matter is presented, as such the Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.115. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration.

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Introductory Comments

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.